

## OPINIONS

### Of the Silver Advocates.

Populists, Democrats and Free Coinage Republicans.

The weather is getting too warm for much politics, but we present below four letters from as many members of different parties.

#### A SILVER REPUBLICAN.

David Burr Chase, of Salem, writes: Here is one Silver Republican who is ready to heartily endorse the work of the Union conference, which met at Albany, last week. A better declaration of principles would be hard to formulate, or one on which it would be easier for the reform forces to unite. To those who expected a wild carnival of anarchistic crankiness the result must be somewhat of a surprise—and a disappointment.

The declaration on the money question is absolutely unobjectionable, and covers every point that it is necessary or advisable to raise now. The free coinage of gold and silver, independently of England's blessing, the issue of all paper money by the government without the intervention of banks, the absolute equality before the law of all money issued by the government, and the denial of the right of any private individual to demonetize any kind of Uncle Sam's money—these are the things on which we are all agreed.

As to whether paper money should be redeemable in coin or not, that is a question which it is the part of profoundest wisdom to leave in abeyance at this time. It will be time enough to decide that when the season to take action on it approaches. There is an honest difference of opinion now and to fight over it would only prevent us from working together for the accomplishment of that on which we are all agreed. And our Populist friends ought not to object to this, for time and study are bringing many converts to the Populist belief, and no one ever leaves the first proposition to go back to the other. So a postponement of that fight is clearly in the interest of those who believe in a scientific currency. We should be able to all fight shoulder to shoulder for the money plank.

The demand for the redemption of Oregon from rings, etc., is one that will be heeded by every honest man, even though he be a worshipper of the golden calf.

But as the money question is the most important in national politics, so is that of direct legislation in state politics. It is the grand, invincible principle which the Populists have forced to the front, and on which there can be no honest difference of opinion among those who really believe in a government by the people. The only possible objection is, it is itself an arraignment of all popular government. This form of purely representative government, where the people delegate all their powers to a few individuals, to sell out to the highest bidder, is proving itself a most lamentable fizzle. The only salvation for the Republic is for the people to take back the power to themselves, when "the common sense of most shall hold a trefful realm in awe." A stream can rise no higher than its source, and a government by representatives can be no better, though it may be much worse, than one by the people they represent. If the great heart of the people can not be trusted, then is a Republic a failure, and we would better go to a monarchy at once. But the American people can be trusted. Let those who think otherwise pack their grips and go; the sooner the better. We have no use for them.

The further recommendations, of the direct election of all officers, and nomination by primary election, are on the same line.

And now, reformers, what more do you want? Here you have the one great reform which renders all other reforms possible, for it makes it easy to get other reforms squarely before the people on their merits, a thing which is impossible now. It allows the people to decide each question by itself, unhampered by other complications, so that the will of the majority

may be crystallized in each law. How can any true patriot object to this? What more can even the Populists ask? Let us drop our old partisanship, and work together long enough to secure this fair country from the clutches of incarnate greed.

Long live the Union!

DAVID BURR CHASE.  
SALEM, OR., June 6, 1897.

#### A POPULIST WRITES.

One of the members of the legislature from Clackamas county, Hon. George Ozle, of Molalla, writes: Allow me to congratulate you on the greatly improved condition of your paper and to thank you particularly for an editorial that appeared in the WEEKLY JOURNAL of May 27, relative to the People's party against "redeemable" money.

This is a critical time and on the wise and unselfish action of all real reformers depends to a great extent the future welfare if not the very liberty of the American people.

The New York World seeks to "unite" the two elements of the party and if the silver element cannot be coerced then the gold element, or much of it, will (for the sake of office) say with Hill: "I am a Democrat." And thus by the aid of true reformers in doubtful states we will elect a few reformers and a large and hungry horde of pie hunters and the victory will be barren; merely getting back into the frying-pan out of the Republican fire.

Personally—and I believe I voice the sentiment of nine tenths of the Populists—I would be glad to say to the Democracy: "If it is office you are after, take them all, from constables to president, and welcome, if you will give the people direct legislation and a pure ballot, for then we can soon settle the money, transportation, and other questions." But we would never get it, for the Democratic politician as a rule does not want the people to rule any more than does the gold standard Republican.

Therefore I fear any union until the Democrats make as much of a sacrifice of party as we are expected to do, and I see nothing to gain by tearing down one young and comparatively pure organization after we have, to a large extent, overcome the prejudice against our beliefs.

The Populist party occupies the middle ground between the radical nationalist and the conservative reformer, who honestly believes that free silver alone will cure the ills of our body politic, and it constitutes a compromise ground between the two elements that it would be difficult for any other new party to fill.

The radicals will cling to the Populist party so long as it remains intact in the hopes of it becoming more radical or hoping to obtain more radical measures through direct legislation, but combine under a new name and with free silver the leading issue and this radical element will either form another party or join the socialists. Hence I hold that the most practical ground for a union with silver Republicans and Democrats is inside the People's party ranks.

#### A DEMOCRAT OPINION.

The editor of the Hillsboro "Argus," Democrat, writes:

What is wanted in Oregon is a smashing of the Multnomah ring. Men should be sent to Salem who would be free from Portland influence. We have had too much Simonism and Mitchellism for a number of years and too little legislation. Either faction of the republican party is in politics for spoils only, and the state has been at their mercy. People opposed to these political larvae must get together and vanquish them at the polls. Both Mitchellism and Simonism are dictated in Multnomah county and their orders issue either from a banking house or corporation attorney's office. Both are gold standard, no matter how much they deny it. Both favor a policy of national currency contraction and desire to make of state administration a tool for private revenue.

Let the people unite against the common enemy and show the people of the state that the common heritage of citizenship cannot be trampled under foot by these gentry. Party prejudice should be thrown aside and only the good of society considered. There are throughout the state many

Republicans who want a little purity in state affairs and they will protest against such vandalism as witnessed here in Oregon for several years, if they are given half a chance.

#### A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADER.

W. H. Spough, of Lane county, writes, June 6:

I attended a meeting of the county central committee of the People's party, of Lane county, yesterday, at Eugene, and after talking with all the leading Populists and Democrats there, I feel satisfied that a mistake has been made in launching the new craft named the Union party, by the Albany conference. Populists will not vote with this new party. Neither will the Democrats. They feel they were not represented, and look with suspicion on this new party. One leading Populist said, "Why should the People's party give up the field because a new party comes along and adopts part of our platform. We will do no such thing. How do we know they are honest? How do we know the whole thing is not a scheme to break up our party?"

Every Populist present was in favor of a union of all reform forces if it could be attained honorably and harmoniously. Now I am going to propose a plan upon which a union can be effected and will guarantee that every Populist in Lane county will be willing to accept the result if honestly carried out and I believe our state committee will also agree to the proposition. Mr. U'Ren, who was present yesterday, expressed himself as willing and anxious for a fair union. Now my proposition is this: Let the executive committee of the People's party, the Free Silver or Union party, and the Democratic party meet and all join in a call for a union convention, each party to be represented by delegates elected by their own party from each county on a basis to be agreed on by the joint committee. Each party agreeing to accept the name and platform agreed upon by the joint convention. This would be official and binding, and I think all will admit it would be fair. If your Union or Bimetallist party is sincere, I believe they will accept each a proposition for union that is fair to all, and this will also test the sincerity of the Democratic party. You may think there is too much red tape in my proposition, but remember large bodies move slowly, and also remember that it takes more than one party to a compact to make it binding. A union can be easily effected on this plan if the committees will act, and such a union would sweep the state. A union is no union unless all parties agree to the compact. At Albany, only one party was represented officially, therefore it is not binding and will not unite, but will tend to further divide, unless further action is taken and this action to be binding and satisfactory to all must come from official sources. Why if such a convention was called, I believe every honest reformer in all parties will throw up their hats for joy. "United We Stand" and victory is certain. "Divided We Fall" and think what will be the final result.

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